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Comments on NSA End-Products and Reporting Procedures

1. In response to Acting Chief, [] memo of 17 August 1956, there are attached the comments of [] on the responsiveness of NSA end-products [] their form and timeliness, and the adequacy of technical data supplied.

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2. Owing to the wide variety of our interests, the usefulness of NSA output, and its utilization, varies widely among [] from modest use in confirmation of []

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In general, it is considered a valuable tool in our work.

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3. A source of concern [] is the lack of timeliness in the receipt of important [] information. The apparent increasing tendency toward retention of material for incorporation in periodic or occasional reports not only precludes its timely consideration for current intelligence value, but frequently the form of presentation obscures significant implications contained [] The existence of good working relations between many [] and their NSA counterparts facilitates transfer of information in some areas, but the prompt transfer to intelligence producers of all significant information is of utmost importance and should be accomplished without any avoidable delay.

4. In many areas a considerable improvement could be effected by NSA in the provision of highly desirable technical data. In some part failure to supply this information may be due to lack of knowledge of its usefulness [] it may also result from lack of appreciation at policy making levels of the "need to know" on the part of [] intelligence.

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